

REMARKS

Claims 1-15, 17-24 and new claims 26-39 are pending in this application. Claim 16 is canceled without prejudice and rewritten as claim 37. Claim 25 is canceled without prejudice as being substantially duplicative of other claims. No new matter is added by this amendment.

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103:

In the Office Action mailed June 26, 2007 (hereinafter “Office Action”), Claims 1-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Pettersson (USP 6,615,057).

Applicants’ Response

The Applicants clearly disclose, *inter alia*, in paragraph [0024] that an indirect data transfer connection is provided from the first wireless communication device, such as the PDA 10, through the second wireless communication device, such as the Mobile Station 20, to the available communications network 30. The indirect data transfer connection through the second wireless communication device, e.g. the Mobile Station 20, is authenticated with the user identification data of the first wireless communication device, e.g. the PDA 10.

The Applicants’ clearly disclose examples of what a data transfer connection is, *inter alia*, in paragraph [0054], where the PDA device 10 can set up a data transfer connection through the mobile station 20 to a node in the network 30 from which a desired information

content, such as a piece of news or article, can be downloaded, and the PDA device 10 can download it to its memory via the mobile station 20. The information content desired by the PDA device can be fetched over the data transfer connection from a database of an Internet server and is transmitted via the network 30 over the data transfer connection through the mobile station 20. The mobile station 20 receives the information content and transmits it on to the PDA device 10 via the local link 12.

The Applicants' disclose examples of the information contents transmitted in a data transfer connection, *inter alia*, in paragraph [0025], where the first wireless communication device 10 can, for instance, be an electronic book, i.e. an eBook device, which contains a Bluetooth transceiver for loading information contents, such as pages of a book or newspaper, electronically into the eBook device, by the data transfer connection through the second wireless communication device 20, which can be a GSM cellular telephone connected over the GSM network 30 to a database of an Internet server.

One embodiment of the Applicants' claimed invention makes a data transfer connection by the first wireless communication device through the second wireless communication device to its own communications network using the user identification data of the first wireless communication device for communicating data transfer connection information between the first wireless communication device and the communications network via the second wireless communication device.

Pettersson does not disclose or suggest making a data transfer connection with his subscriber identity unit 303a, as claimed by the Applicants. Pettersson's subscriber identity unit 303a merely transfers the subscriber identity 902 to the wireless communication terminal 403,

but the subscriber identity unit 303a does not participate in any data transfer connection between the base station BTS1 and the wireless communication terminal 403.

The Examiner's rejection refers to Pettersson's signaling diagram of Figure 6b described at Pettersson's specification column 10, line 35 to column 11, line 18, which reads in part as follows:

FIG. 6b illustrates a signalling communication for a data-call between the base station BTS1 and the electronic organizer 403f.

In a next step 603b a data-call notification from the subscriber identity unit 303a to the electronic organizer 403f is made.

In a next step 605b the electronic organizer 403f answers the data-call from the base station BTS1. During the step 605b subscriber identity module related data 901 such as the subscriber identity 902 is communicated. In a signalling communication in a GSM network as in FIG. 6b, the subscriber identity 902 is the International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI).

In a next step 606b a data-call signalling communication is set-up between the electronic organizer 403f and the base station BTS1.

In a next step 607b a data-call signalling communication is set-up between the electronic organizer 403f and the subscriber identity unit 303a. When the data call is to terminate, the data-call signalling communication between the electronic organizer 403f and the subscriber identity unit 303a is hang-up in a next step 608b.

In a next step 609b the data-call signalling communication between the electronic organizer 403f and the subscriber identity unit 303a is hang-up.

Finally, in a next step 610b, the subscriber identity unit 303a is signalling to the mobile phone 403 that the subscriber identity unit is idle.

It is seen that Pettersson's subscriber identity unit 303a merely transfers the subscriber identity 902 to the wireless communication terminal 403f and to the base station BTS1, but the subscriber identity unit 303a does not send, receive, or conduct the exchange of data transfer connection information between the base station BTS1 and the wireless communication terminal 403f.

The Examiner's rejection refers to Pettersson's signaling diagram of Figure 9 and Pettersson's specification at column 12, lines 31 to 37. Pettersson's text describing Figure 9 at column 12, lines 23 to 57, reads in part as follows:

FIG. 9 illustrates in a diagram a signalling communication between the wireless communication terminal 403, the subscriber identity unit 303a and the base station BTS1 of the wireless communication system 101 which is a GSM network (see FIG. 1).

The base station BTS1, the wireless communication terminal 403 and the subscriber identity unit 303a are illustrated in a block scheme in FIG. 6a.

.... Subscriber identity module related data 901 such as the subscriber identity 902 is communicated during the steps 903 and 904. Also, the wireless communication terminal 403 is given authentication to communicate in the wireless communication system 101 during the steps 903 and 904. Also, the wireless communication terminal 403 is assigned to be the default terminal for incoming calls from the base station BTS1, i.e. incoming calls from the base station BTS1 will be routed to the wireless communication terminal 403, during the steps 903 and 904.

.... In a next step 906 a call is made from the base station BTS1 to the wireless communication terminal 403. In a next step 907 the wireless communication terminal 403 answers the call from the base station BTS1. Finally, in a next step 908, a call signalling communication is set-up between the base station BTS1 and the wireless communication terminal 403.

Note that in Pettersson, the subscriber identity 902 is transferred from the subscriber identity unit 303a to the wireless communication terminal 403 and that is the end of the participation by the subscriber identity unit 303a in Fig. 9. From that point on, the base station BTS1 communicates with the wireless communication terminal 403, but the subscriber identity unit 303a does not communicate with the base station BTS1. There is no disclosure or suggestion in Pettersson of the Applicants' claimed invention of making a data transfer connection by the first wireless communication device through the second wireless communication device to its own communications network using the user identification data of the first wireless communication device for communicating data transfer connection information between the first wireless communication device and the communications network via the second wireless communication device.

Pettersson does not disclose or suggest the invention claimed by the Applicants, as discussed above. Independent claims 1, 15 and 16 are distinguished from Pettersson by at least this feature. The remaining Claims 2-14 and 17-25 are dependent on these independent claims and are distinguished on the same basis. The Applicants' claims 1-25 are patentable over Pettersson.

The Applicants have added new claims 26-39, which are also directed to the Applicants' claimed invention of making a data transfer connection by the first wireless communication device through the second wireless communication device to its own communications network using the user identification data of the first wireless communication device for communicating data transfer connection information between the first wireless communication device and the communications network via the second wireless communication device. Pettersson does not disclose or suggest the invention claimed by the Applicants' in new claims 26-39, on the same basis as discussed above for claims 1-25.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that this Application is in condition for allowance for which action is earnestly solicited.

If a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution of this Application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4208-4072.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4208-4072.

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